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[www.ori.state.ri.us/youthserv/mgoose](http://www.ori.state.ri.us/youthserv/mgoose)

## parents Forum

By Shannon Rivers, Editor

I am the new Vista Assistant to Melody Allen working on the *Mother Goose Asks "Why?"* Program. On June 8, 2002 I did a children's Health Fair at St. Joseph's Hospital /Covering Kids Health and Education Fair. I had a table set up for my *You Can Count on Mother Goose* program where I had some pamphlets about who we are, what we do, also the books and materials about the program.

At the Health Fair I set up a Science Circus for the children. We saw raisins, popcorn, and spaghetti dance in seltzer. The children were really amazed with what they saw, the things in the seltzer bouncing up and down.

We also had some compost set out on some newspaper and let the children look at the compost through a magnifying glass. One child looked through the compost and found a worm. That child then stayed at the compost practically all day trying to see if he could find more than one worm.

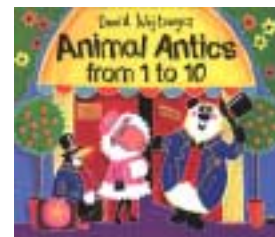
One parent came to the table with her child and asked if they could read one of the books from *You Can Count on Mother Goose*. She and her child read the book *Jonathan and his Mommy* after they finished the book they both got up and starting making up their own patterns in different walking steps. I was very shocked because I didn't have to say to them after you have finished reading the story you should try making up your own patterns.

The children also liked seeing how many drops of water can a penny hold on heads or tails, new or old. A few of the older children liked using the foil sheets to make a boat and then to see how many pennies the foil sheets can hold without sinking.

## Book Corner

**Animal Antics from 1 to 10**

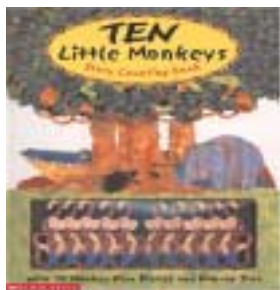
By David Wojtowycz



This is a fun filled book with lots of colors and different animals. Children reading this book will see how the numbers are written out and spelled, identify and count the many different things on the page. *Animal Antics from 1 to 10* is also a rhyming, tongue twisting book that I am sure children will love to read and be able to count from 1 to 10.

## Ten Little Monkeys

By Keith Faulkner



Children that read *Ten Little Monkeys* can hang Ten Monkeys in the tree. Read the book and when something happens to a monkey the child can take away a monkey out of the tree. The child will be using math skills (Subtracting-taking away a monkey when something happens). The child will see by subtracting what they will end up with at the end of the story. Also the child can add to by putting one monkey in a tree at a time while making up its own story about Ten Little Monkeys.

## Calendar of Events

### Paw Sox Free Youth Clinics

**Date:** 5/11-8/10

**Time:** 2-3:15

**Venue:** McCoy Stadium

**Cost:** free

**Contact:** [info@pawsox.com](mailto:info@pawsox.com) or 401-724-7300

The Pawtucket Red Sox presents four free youth clinics this summer. There will be one clinic each month on a Saturday. Dates are 5/11, 6/15, 7/13, and 8/10. Paw Sox manager Buddy Bailey, coaches and players offer kids instruction and advice on the field at McCoy Stadium. Kids bring your gloves and be sure to stick around for the autograph session that follows. A 6:05 game follows each of the clinics, and families are invited to stick around for warm-ups and batting practice. Fans can also purchase tickets for the game that follows.

## Bring a Book to the Movies!

**July 22, 2002**

**Little Compton Community Center**

**Little Compton RI**

**635-2400**

**7:00p.m.**

Bring a new or used children's book (in good condition) to *Bring a Book Night* and receive one FREE admission to Family Movie Night. Your free admission includes two slices of pizza, a soft drink, a box of popcorn, and a great movie based on a great children's book, like *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. You'll even receive a small prize if you've read the book. Each member of your family may bring a book and receive free admission to the fun.

The books you donate will be sent to RI Reads to help children without books build a home library and become great readers. Watch for three more *Bring a Book Nights* this year sponsored by Verizon, and let's work together to donate 500 books to the children of RI Reads.



### Get Ready To Read

[www.getreadytoread.org](http://www.getreadytoread.org)

### Early Literacy Information for Parents

Much of what you do everyday with your child builds important language skills that help prepare a child to learn to read and write. Find out here how young children get ready to learn to read and write. Learn what skills help children become successful readers. You can use a computer at your local public library.

[How children get ready to read and write.](#)

[Why some children struggle when learning to read.](#)

[How to tell if a child is building the necessary early literacy skills.](#)

[Special Section: How parents and other caregivers can help children become successful readers.](#)

[Special Section: How to talk to my child's teacher/care-giver/health care provider about early literacy concerns](#)

### How children get ready to learn to read and write:

Babies listen to the sounds that adults make when they talk and try to imitate what they hear. By the time that a child is 18 months old, he or she is beginning to understand common words and then use them one by one. From here, children begin to put together simple sets of words, so that by the time your child is three, he or she can express opinions, needs and feelings. As children engage in conversations, listen to books being read aloud, and engage in new experiences, their vocabularies grow.

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